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Hanover, Ind., Sept. 15th, 1876

Dr. Geo. Engelmann:

Dear Sir:

As the "Botanical Gazette" is to be double the size of the "Botanical Bulletin", it will be necessary to have on hand considerable matter to insure excellence and promptness of issue. Especially for the first numbers do I desire an abundance of good material, not to make them better than the rest, but to insure the rest coming up to their standard. Could you not then favor me at a very early day with some notes that you think will be of interest to botanists? The increased size of the Gazette will permit articles of considerable length. Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience,

I remain -
very respectfully yours,
John M. Coulter.

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Hanover, Ind. June 4 1877

Dr. Geo. Engelmann;

Dear Sir;

You will think that I am an unmerciful beggar, but I am writing again for an article from you. You have treated me so kindly before that I turn with the greater assurance to you now. I am overcrowded with "notes" of an inferior sort, but they are just such as would sink me if I undertook to fill the Gazette with them. Can't you give me a little ballast, for I want the paper to retain the position it is beginning to take. The circulation is very much larger than we had any reason to expect and we are encouraged in every way and only anxious to furnish our freinds with good matter. Hoping to hear from you at an early day — I remain —

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Hanover, Ind. July 29th 1877.

Dr. Gus. Englemann
St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Sir:-

We are preparing to send out the Prospectus for Vol III of the Botanical Gazette, and desire to place your name upon the list of contributors. The success of the Gazette during its second year was far greater than we had dared to expect.

The amount contained on our out of its pages is so much greater than is usual in scientific publications that articles of considerable length can be received, and we hope that you will favor us with some articles, whether long or short. Hoping your favorable answer, We remain

Very Respectfully,

Jno. M. Coulter.
M. S. Coulter.

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Hanover, Ind. August 3d 1877

Dr. Geo. Engelmann —

Dear Sir!

Yours of Aug. 1 is at hand & we thank you for your kindly expression of opinion. In writing to you we had no idea of asking you to bind yourself or anything of that sort, for we are not so presumptuous. Our only idea was to have you occasionally send an article as you have already & to feel perfectly free to write for us or not. We did not write ignoring what you have so kindly sent to us for the current volume, but simply to ask that you would continue to do the same for Vol. III. It seems to be customary now before the opening of a new volume, for scientific publications (and in fact all kinds of journals) to publish in their prospectus a list of persons from whom contributions can be expected. This is a great help to us, for it inspires confidence and brings many subscribers who would not otherwise think well enough of us to subscribe. We intend to publish the list only as persons from whom contributions may be expected, not implying or intending any definite promise. It helps us even if the person named do not

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Hanover, Ind. 187

find time to write anything for it shows that they are friendly to us. We knew this to be the case with you & also that you have been very kind to us this year, but we did not presume to publish your name for the next volume without your permission.

If you object to the use of your name even in the vague & indefinite way I have mentioned, of course we will implicitly obey your wishes.

Your article on Pinus serotinæ came just 10 days after the July No. had been sent to the printers and hence is the first article in the Aug. No. which you may have received before this reaches you, for you will get it as soon as we do & we have been expecting it every day for a week.

Very respectfully yours
John M. Coulter.

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Crawfordsville, Ind. May 24 1881

Dear Sir:

Had your Mss. come 24 hrs. later it would not have gone into the June no. As it is, it is in & will be sent out day after tomorrow. To do this you will have to trust me for proof reading. I am in doubt of but one passage in your Mss. & that is nothing vital. I will send you 25 Extra slips, as I do to all contributors desiring them, & if you wish any more I will send you as many as 12 entire Gazettes without charge. Over that I would have to charge 75 cts per dozen — Your Mss. is surely welcome at all times, & I will always do my best at publishing it promptly and correctly. If you give me time you shall always see the proof.

Very respectfully,

John M. Coulter.

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Rec'd June 9

Crawfordsville, Ind., June 8 1881

Dear Sir:

I am just home from Virginia & find your postals awaiting me. Of course I want all the material you can give me, for I get none that is more valuable to me. I am astonished at my letting it read seedi rumcinate" instead of "ruminate." I shall correct in next issue. If you give me time I would much prefer sending you proof —

Since moving to this place my herbarium has been packed up waiting for suitable cases or I should be glad to send you my specimens of Vitis. More than likely you are right about it & I shall be glad to be corrected. I shall have things in shape this summer.

On looking over my Subs. book I find you have not paid for this year. This in answer to your question concerning it —

Very respectfully yrs
John M Coulter.

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Rec Nov 23
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Evansville, Ind. Nov. 21st

My Dear Sir:

Some days ago for a choice.
It has long appeared to me that there is
great need of a manual of botany for
the states west of the Mississippi River. There
that are valuable, telling only with books
& colleges demanding text books of all
kinds. I have received scores of letters
from all many writers speaking
so much of a work. Botanical societies are
there, but they have no local text book.
I know from experience how desirous many
of us in the colleges are to have
personal & large private collection.
I have thought I would be the better plan
half of the Mississippi valley, with perhaps

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The Cheyenne Rocky Mt. flora might be said to begin say the meridian of about 104°. Hat would leave the Rocky Mt System as a separate element of the Pacific Slope is already well provided for. Such a range for a "Manual of the Western part of the Mississ. Valley" would just include Minn., Dak., Neb., Iowa, Mo., Kan., Ark., Ind. Terr., La., & Texas.

Several botanists have written to me asking me to compile such a manual, but I have hesitated. True, there is not much original work necessary in bringing up to the collecting Experience of these combined Materials. The most part would be done in the compilation of the Rocky Mt. & Pacific floras. Prof Bessey & other western botanists have urged the same upon me & the Second Edition of Gray's Lessons has appeared all the help Chamberlain's Pacific Slope Manual & Gray's Lessons would afford. But the work of a Manual of these combined floras would be a big undertaking & one of

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I assure the Ladies & Gentlemen
that I have no wish to influence
question of competency can only be de-
cided on a trial. If I make the at-
tempt I desire the hearty coöperation
of all the botanists of the regi-
covered. Of course the best hands for
such a work to fall in would be
Dr. Gray's or Dr. Torrey's. But,
(we know) such these are entirely
entirely out of the question owing
to the great importance of their
present original work, by having
no time to turn aside for such
[illegible] opinion in regard to
these points.

1. Is such a work needed?
2. If so, is the range a proper one?
3. Am I the one to undertake it?
4. If the work is done will you furnish
the material for the latter in which
you are especially interested?
I remain, Ladies & Gentlemen,
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Ann Arbor Nov 29

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My Dear Sir!

I have just received your very kind answer to my last letter. You express exactly my idea of the work. I would not undertake now a critical flora of the region mentioned for two reasons. First, The work is too badly needed to be put off so indefinitely. Secondly, precisely. I am not prepared yet to do such critical work. I hope to be ready for some day, but I must prepare it by collecting more material for it would be the height of absurdity for me at this stage to enter upon a work requiring all the material of over most extensive and systematic, I never intended, that to be anything but a work of compilation, a collation of widely scattered facts for convenience, and by the aid of these references to the original descriptions. I have a great many of the

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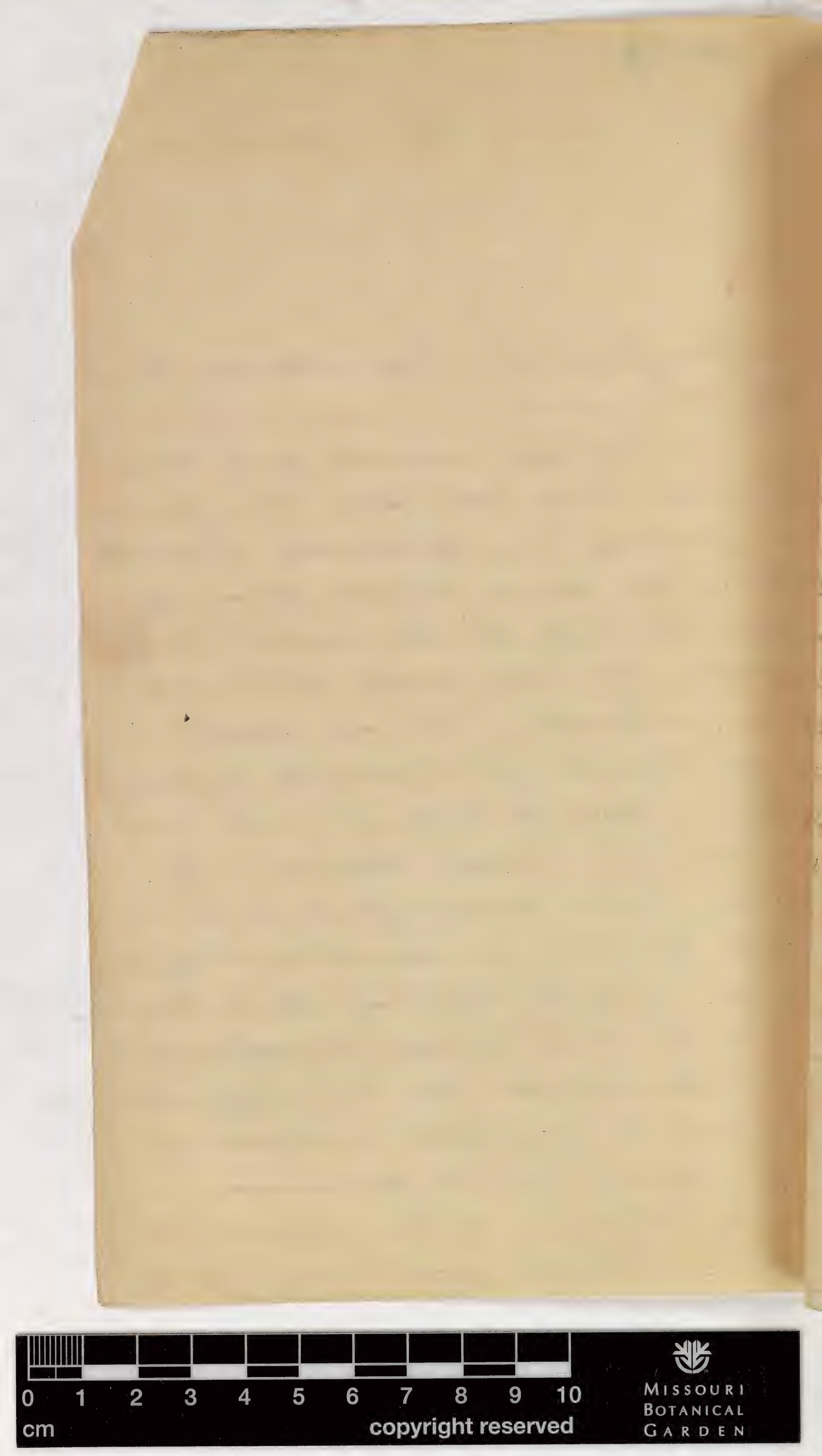

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works needed, and expect to spend next summer in Cambridge supplying the deficiencies of my own library.

I have often found that an imperfect first edition is the necessary prelude to a more complete work for I profited from my mistakes and corrections. You must not think that I think the work play, only in the sense that I love to do it. I had a similar experience in a smaller territory when I helped Prof. Porter prepare the Fl. Colorado. Of course he did all the critical work, but I felt myself constantly my own master & did not constantly criticise.

I will be very glad to receive any list you may be ready to send —

Very sincerely yours

John M. Coulter.

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Rec Jan 20
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Crawfordsville, Ind. Jan. 18 – 82.

Dr. Geo. Engelmann:

My Dear Sir:

At last we have arranged for work & of course turn to you for aid. Dr. Gray has decided to Extend the range of his Manual so as to include nearly all the region west of the Mississippi that I at first proposed to treat. To me has been assigned the preparation of a Manual of the Rocky Mt. Flora, using my Flora of Colorado as a nucleus. The range will be confined to the Rocky Mts., running East to about the 100th meridian, so as to overlap Dr. Gray's range somewhat, & ~~East~~ west to the Edge of the Great Basin, which of course Mr. Watson claims. We have concluded also to leave out New Mexico as that is in a different flora entirely, being Texico – Arizonian in type & hence more nearly allied to the Gt. Basin. The

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range them will begin with Colo do on the South, which of course will include the northern part of N. Mexico, & run north through Montana, Idaho & Wyoming, overlapping towards the east, & then up the Rocky Mts, pretty well through British Columbia. The work has already been begun & I hope to carry it to rapid completion. I write to ask you to favor me with the families & genera which you have usually furnished for Dr. Gray. I don't care about having my "little say" in regions where you reign.

Very sincerely Yrs—

John M. Coulter.

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Department of Biology. Botanical Gazette.

Crawfordsville, Ind., Dec 18 1882

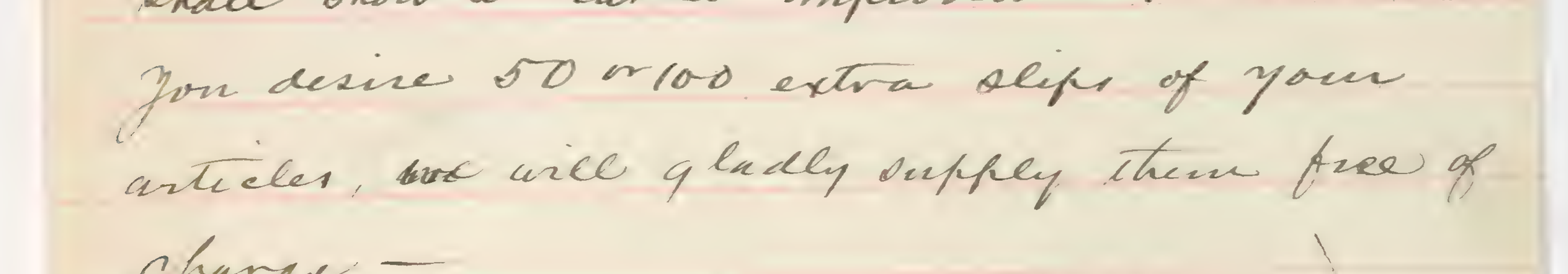
Dr. Geo. Engelmann:

My Dear Sir:

The Gazette is to be increased in size to 16 p/p, with other alterations that will improve its appearance and very much increase its capacity.

You have already favored us very much with contributions, & for that very reason we write to say that any such work that you can do yourself or influence others to do will be gratefully remembered, as increased capacity will necessitate an increased demand for contributions to satisfy it — We are specially desirous that the earlier numbers of the year shall show a marked improvement. Whenever you desire 50 or 100 extra slips of your articles, we will gladly supply them free of charge —

very respectfully —
John M. Coulter.



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Rec'd March 21
Ans'd March 22

Crawfordsville, Ind. March 19-'80

Dr Geo. Engelmann:

My Dear Sir:

In overhauling the genus Crataegus for my Rocky Mt. Manual, I have followed the grouping given by you in a recent Gazette, viz. two sections, Melanocarpus & Erythrocarpus. Under the former I have C. Douglasii & C. rivularis, & under the latter, C. coccinea & C. tomentosa. You characterized § Melanocarpus as follows:

"Fruit black or black-purple or bluish: leaves, at least at first, appressed hairy on the upper and glabrous on the under side: flowers in corymbs; styles usually 5; spines mostly short and stout, often recurved."

I have no characters of § Erythrocarpus except "Fruit red"—

Will you please fill out the characters of this 2d section for me? I might stumble upon some of them, following the scheme of the first, but it would be much better to have them from you.

Yrs. very truly—

John M. Coulter.

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Department of Biology.

Botanical Gazette.

Crawfordsville, Ind., March 24 *1883*

Dear Dr:

I have your favor of March 22. It was the oversight of the young man who mails my Gazettes for me that caused the failure to send you some extras of the Plantago paper, which I rectify with this.

It was on Watson's authority that I included C. Douglasii as from "Montana, & thence westward along the Pacific Coast."; but I now erase it from my list. My range is probably not so well observed as it ought to be. I take the whole Rocky Mt. region from S. Colorado northward as a nucleus, & then generally include all the States & Territories through which it runs, viz. Colorado, Wyoming, Dakota, Montana, & Idaho - Now of course S.W. Idaho is a part of the Gt. Basin & S.W. Colorado fits on to the Arizona region, but in such cases it seems very hard to draw the lines in any other way than by polit-

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ical divisions, & in this case the two run very nearly together. Then the Unitas & Eastern Slopes of the Wahsatch, are really parts of the Rocky Mt. System and deserve some representation. I can hardly tell what difficulty I have had at times in drawing my boundary lines. As for C. coccinea, Brandegee reports it from S. W. Colorado; and C. tomentosa, var. punctata is reported by Hayden from the Weber River Valley. If you have any knowledge of these specimens that should lead me to reject them under these names, you will do me a very great favor in informing me. Thankful for all such suggestions and only anxious to receive many more.

I remain —

Sincerely Yours.

John M. Coulter —

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